



### What is Youth in Philanthropy?

The Youth in Philanthropy program - also known as YIP - helps students develop the knowledge and skills to become community leaders. Throughout the program, students learn the importance of the nonprofit sector and giving back to their own community. Participants form a Board of Trustees, evaluate grant applications, fundraise for the program, visit local organizations and decide how and to whom to allocate the program funds in the form of grants to local nonprofits. High school students who are residents of or attend school in Wellesley may apply to be part of YIP 2016

Throughout the weekly meetings, participants will learn how to:

- Assess community needs
- Understand how a nonprofit operates and the impact it has on the community
- Read and evaluate grant applications
- Go on site visits to deepen their understanding of potential grant funded programs
- Evaluate and prioritize funding requests
- Make grant making and charitable gift decisions
- Raise funds to support their efforts
- Positively affect their communities
- Learn life long leadership skills

What Students Gain:

- A deeper and more personal understanding of the meaning of philanthropy
- An opportunity to reflect and recognize areas in which they have the most interest
- Confidence in knowing they have the skills and ability to make a difference
- Motivation to continue to support nonprofits in the future

### Wellesley 2015 YIP Program Highlights

The Fund for Wellesley offered the first Foundation for MetroWest Youth in Philanthropy program in Wellesley during the 2014/2015 school year. The fifteen Wellesley students who participated in the program reviewed grant proposals, conducted site visits, and made final decisions on the grant distributions.

The following is a description of the grants awarded by the by the Wellesley program:

**OUT MetroWest, Inc.- \$4500.** OUT MetroWest will use the awarded funds to create a separate middle school program, similar to their WAGLY program for high school youth, however this program will take place only once a month. This program is needed in light of the complete absence of any resources in this geographical area for LGBTQ youth in grades 6-8. For additional information on OUT MetroWest check out their website at [www.outmetrowest.org](http://www.outmetrowest.org)

**Plugged In Teen Band Program- \$2500** Plugged In is a tuition-based program, but thanks to the Inclusion Fund the tuition for student mentors assisting other band mates with special needs is covered. The YIP grant award is directed to the Inclusion Fund to provide additional opportunities for students with disabilities to be included in bands. For additional information on Plugged In check out their website [www.pluggedinband.org](http://www.pluggedinband.org)

**A Path in the Woods Foundation, Inc- \$2500 .** The funds received by A Path in the Woods will be used directly to support the Work Study Internship program at Wellesley High School through a grant to the Wellesley Youth Commission.

### Upcoming Program Schedule 2016 Youth in Philanthropy

**Spring Semester – Wellesley**

**Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm**

**January 11, 2016 - May 2016**

**at the Wellesley Police Department– Kingsbury Room**

**To learn more or apply, please contact Maura Renzella,  
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